

# Chief Proves It's True: 'Like Father, Like Son'

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Bob Deadman became a policeman because it was the natural thing for him to do. His grandfather was a sheriff in Otsego County for 16 years. His father retired from the Detroit police force as a lieutenant after 27 years.

And, now, Deadman is public safety director for the City of Farmington and is carrying on the tradition in his family.

DEADMAN WAS BORN IN

1935 in Boyne, Mich., near Charlevoix on the west side of the state.

He and his family moved to Detroit shortly after and he graduated from Cooley High School in 1952.

Deadman said that he hadn't really made up his mind to become a policeman until his junior year at Cooley.

Before that he had aspirations of becoming an accountant, and after graduation he worked for two and a half years with

Ford Motor Company operating the production machines.

He realized from the first that he didn't want to stay with Ford but wanted to enter the law enforcement profession.

HOWEVER, HE COULDN'T do anything until he became 21 years old because the City of Farmington didn't have a cadet program at the time, which would train a man before he was old enough to join the force.

While he was working at Ford, Deadman met his wife, Virginia, and they were married in 1955.

They now live in the city and have three children Susan, 11, Ronald, 9, and David, 8.

The Chief started in Farmington in 1957 as a public safety officer.

He became juvenile officer in 1959 and made sergeant in 1962.

In 1964 he was assigned to traffic safety and the special services division and was named chief in 1965.



**EARLY BIRDS** — This was the lineup which already had formed when Michigan's 1968 automobile license plates went on sale in Farmington at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1. The drizzle which was falling failed to dampen the ardor of first-day buyers, but if there's anything certain it's that the line on the last day to get the plates — next Feb. 29 — will be even longer. They are available at 33304 Grand River.

# Nine Receive Certificates

Nine Farmington residents received certificates as newly-registered architects, professional engineers or land surveyors at a meeting of the Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Council on Registration held Nov. 4 at the Engineering Society of Detroit.

Thomas W. Chettleburgh, 31640 Lamar, was cited as a land surveyor.

Newly-registered as engineers are Ralph D. Dingle, 23210 Fleming; George M. Gilbey, 31810 Belmont; Philip E. Mesenbrink, 22864 Warner; Victor C. Moore, 25760 Ridge-wood Dr.; John C. Primeau, 26089 Steele Rd.; and Richard Duane Stephens, 22819 Floral.

Donald R. Cuzit, 26722 Holly Hill Dr., and Richard Lewis Goult, 29846 Highmeadow Rd., have been registered as architects.

# 'Aladdin' To Be Seen Nov. 11-12

The Marygrove College Children's Theater will present "Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp" in the college auditorium at 8:30 p.m. Nov. 11-12. Although this famous children's play is filled with the beauty and magic of the Arabian Nights, Aladdin's many adventures add a touch of comedy to the mystery of the oriental setting.

Tickets are 50 cents and can be obtained by calling UN. 2-8000. All seats are reserved.



DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY ROBERT F. DEADMAN

# 'Wonderful' Time In Norway

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Gayle Roberts, a Junior at Farmington High School, spent the summer in Norway under the American Field Service program. The following is an account of her experiences during the summer.)

I have recently returned from Norway where I spent the summer with an American Field Service host family. I lived in the valley of Heddal in Telemark, Norway, under the A.F.S. Scholarship Program.

Along with 600 other A.F.S.'ers, I sailed from New York June 21, on the S.S. Ryndam. The 10-day voyage was exciting and usually quite fun—when I wasn't seasick. We docked in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, July 1.

From there we took trains to our respective countries. There were 43 going to Norway. The two and one-half day trip took us through Holland, Germany, Denmark, and Sweden. I arrived in Oslo, Norway, the morning of July 3.

NORWAY IS a beautiful country. Its towns are quaint, with outdoor cafes, flower shops, and cobblestone streets. The mountains were so high, I only saw the moon twice. The homes, as the one I lived in, are spotlessly clean, made of wood, two-story, and square. The wood for the houses is cut

down by hand, sanded and polished to a gleam.

My parents, Herr and Fru Hella, my sister Bjorg, and my brother, Oddvar, made my stay completely happy and very interesting. They took me to many places on the weekends to see the scenic parts of the country within a 300-mile radius.

My sister and I camped in the mountains, went to many festivals where there was folk dance competition, and spent many days in their mountain cabin. We often went to dances, out-door plays and movies.

In our home, we had television which showed many American films. My sister, brother, and I often went on shopping expeditions. I was the baby of the family and was quite spoiled during my stay.

THE NORWEGIAN people have a diet which consists mainly of fish, potatoes, bread and fruits. They have especially rich desserts and the Norwegian chocolate is delicious. Except for carrots and cabbage, vegetables are rarely eaten. We had as many as four complete meals a day.

Breakfast and lunch consisted of bread, eggs, jams, tomatoes, cucumbers, and tomatoes. We also had this before bed. Dinner consisted of some type of fish, potatoes and usually carrots. They do not drink milk for meals; we had water or a kind of soft drink.

DEADMAN SAID THAT his most interesting job before becoming chief was as juvenile officer.

"It gave me a chance to help the youth in the city. I wasn't always successful but when I was it brought much satisfaction."

He said that he decided to come to Farmington rather than Detroit because there seemed to be more opportunity here than on the big metropolitan department.

The director has seen many changes since he first started as a patrolman.

IN 1957, WHEN he was hired, there were six men on the force, now there is a total complement of 16 officers, four cadets and two civilian employees.

The department has gone from two cars in the beginning to six cars, an emergency vehicle for fire service and it has replaced their old 1928 American La France fire rig with a new Mack Pumper.

The department itself, in 1963, moved from a cramped two room building to a modern police station with a photo lab, cell blocks, administration offices and special division offices.

Deadman said that the department is nearing the point of out growing their present facilities.

DEADMAN SAID THAT the City of Farmington has the full gamut of crimes.

Last year, 1966, the department had 406 class one crimes—such as murder, rape, forcible breaking and entering, etc.

To date, in 1967, they have had 306 class one crimes committed in the city.

He said that class one crime has come up about seven per cent since last year, as compared to a higher national average for suburban areas.

Besides performing their regular duties the city officers teach first aid, conduct local safety programs, give lectures to groups on fire safety and talk with civic groups on police problems in general.

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